

Section A

Famous French Trivia

1 Who was the target in the movie Day of the Jackal

Charles de Gaulle

2 Which president's wife was French and what was her maiden name?

Jacqueline Bouvier

3 Who is the artist of the Statue of Liberty?

Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi

4 Which French Movie star and singer had a fling with Marilyn Monroe?

Marilyn was with Arthur Miller and Yves with Simone Signoret.
First celebrity scandal

5 Which singer was named 'French singer of the century'.

[Charles Aznavour](#), of Armenian descent

6 Which famous French fashion designer popularised the "little black dress"?

Coco Chanel

7 Which American jazz musician found refuge and adoration in France, especially in Paris, during the 20th century?

Miles Davis (also acceptable: Josephine Baker)

8 Who wrote and produced Nikita, Lucy, The fifth Element and all the "Taxi" movies?

Luc Besson

9 Which American popular artist is buried in Père Lachaise?

Answer: Jim Morrison

10 Can you name more famous people buried there ?

Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Richard Wright (1960) American writer, Chopin, Colette, Ettore Bugatti, Victor Noir -Journalist Victor Noir met with a tragic end—he was shot to death by Prince Pierre Bonaparte following a dispute between two Corsican newspapers. Noir's grave is now adorned by a life-sized bronze sculpture, which shows him in a fallen position after being shot. Fun fact: many locals and tourists visit his grave to pray for fertility.

11 Why is a croissant called croissant ?

Crescent moon shape. Inspired on the Austrian Kipferl, more of a brioche.

Section B -Quick fire round

Yes or No — French Culture & Connections

B1. Is Brie a type of French wine?

No — it's a cheese.

B2. Did Napoleon die in France?

No — he died in exile on Saint Helena.

B3. Is the Eiffel Tower taller than the Empire State Building?

No — the Empire State Building is much taller.

B4. Is French the second most spoken language in the world?

No — it's far behind English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

B5. Is "Française" the French word for "French woman"?

Yes.

B6. Can you legally call any sparkling wine 'Champagne'?

No — only if it comes from the Champagne region.

B7. Is Paris the most visited city in the world?

Yes — often ranked #1 or #2 globally.

B8. Did Luc Besson act in *The Fifth Element*?

No — he directed it but didn't appear on screen.

B9. Is croissant originally from France?

No — it originated in Austria.

B11. Did Coco Chanel invent high heels?

No — they existed centuries earlier.

B12. Is Marseille on the Atlantic coast?

No — it's on the Mediterranean.

B13. Did Edith Piaf sing "Non, je ne regrette rien"?

Yes.

B14. Is the Louvre the largest art museum in the world?

Yes.

B15. Did the French Revolution happen before the American Revolution?

No — the American Revolution came first (1776 vs. 1789).

Section C Fake friends

What do they really mean when they say...

Préservatif

- Not a chemical to keep food fresh
- Correct: condom

Chair

- Not chair
- Correct: flesh (as in meat or skin)

Coin

- Not: 'coin'
- Correct: corner

Pain

- Not 'pain'
- Correct: Bread

Location

- Not: a place
- Correct: rental

Affaire

- Not an illicit liaison
- Correct: business

Cave

- Not a grotto
- Correct: cellar

Douche

- Not a cretin
- Correct: shower

Envie

- Not jealousy
- Correct: desire, longing

Figure

- Not a number
- Correct: face

Journee

- Not a trip
- Correct: a whole day

Une pile

- Not a pillar or hemorrhoid
- Correct: a battery

Sale

- Not a collection of bargains
- Correct: dirty

Section D

Yes or No: French Origin?

1. Ballet

Yes

(From **ballet** in French, ultimately from Italian **balletto**, meaning "to dance")

2. Mortgage

Yes

(From **mort** = dead + **gage** = pledge — "a dead pledge"!))

3. Budget

Yes

(From **bougette**, a small purse)

4. To flirt

No

(Old English/Germanic roots, not French)

5. Chef

Yes

(Chef = head, from **chef de cuisine**)

6. Parade

Yes

(From parade = display/show)

7. Tunnel

No

(From Italian **tonnello**, not French)

8. To sabotage

Yes

(From **sabot**, a wooden shoe — workers threw them into machines)

9. Leisure

No

(Old English **lēsure** — not of French origin)

10. Vintage

Yes

(From 'vendanges' or 'grape harvest' — determining the year on the label of a wine)